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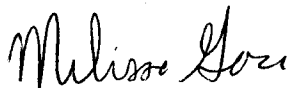
To Whom It May Concern,

There is great concern about the proposal to increase SCE&G rates by 9.5%. As a social worker in the community, I serve people with disabilities from high school students to older adults and help them towards their goals of returning to the workforce.

Many of my clients and their families struggle to meet their monthly bills such as the already high electric bill rate for SCE&G. If this new rate is approved and then once it is fully applied, I cannot even imagine what an extra \$140 per year will do to people with disabilities as they struggle to stay in their homes and apartments. And numerous South Carolinians do work minimum wage jobs and barely survive on this income. I am terrified of what will happen to these workers and potential workers with disabilities when they have to pay more each month to SCE&G. Already scrapping by, will they need to rely more on welfare programs? Will they lose their home?

I urge the Public Service Commission to listen to what their citizens are saying as we voice our concerns through phone calls, letters, and public hearings. We are a community and need to survive as a whole. How can we do this by charging the community even more each month for electricity? Thank you for taking time to review my concerns.

Sincerely,



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